



Arkansas School Counselor Association

ArSCA Business Meeting

January 10, 2025

ZOOM

4:00-5:00pm

Attendance (voting members in BOLD) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelli Dockery , ArSCA President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deanna Robbins , Central Region President Nick Williams , Central Region President Elect
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Lyle , ArSCA President Elect	Shayne Thompson , North Central Region President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allison Spraggins , ArSCA Past President	Emmie Foster , Northeast Region President Laquetta Stewart, Past President
	Jane Stewart , Elementary Vice President (odd year '23-'25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Ridenoure , Northwest Region President Debbie Drake, Past President
	Samantha Tilley , Middle/Jr. High Vice President (even year '24-'26)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bernie Roberts , Southeast President Elect
	Pamela Parkman , Secondary Vice President (odd year '23-'25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jana McWhorter , Southwest President
	Pam Dixon , Post-Secondary Vice President (even year '24-'26)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susie Harvison, Office Manager & Professional Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna Wilchie, Secretary & Hospitality
	<i>Vacant Position</i> - DESE Program Director <i>Vacant Position</i> - DESE Public School Program Advisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alicia Donner, Diversity Equity Inclusion Angela Millard, Diversity Equity Inclusion
	<i>Vacant Position</i> , Membership	Laquetta Stewart, Historian
	Finance: Past President & Treasurer	Linda Whiteside, Ethics
	Debbie Drake, Critical Incident & Crisis Response	Michelle Gerhardt, Public Policy & Legislation
	<i>Vacant Position</i> , Research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Whatley, Public Relations & Advocacy/Social Media Dr. Debra Myton, Public Relations & Advocacy/Social Media

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michele Lewis, Grant Writer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Terri Callaway, Conference Committee Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Technology/Website: Heather Barron Tahnee Bowen Robin Finley Rhonda Jones Becky Lowery Megan Reese Tawyna Shelton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Additional Attendees: Lindsay Ledgerwood Lupe Pena de Martinez, DESE Director of Student Support Services Jana Catlett, Benton ESOL Coordinator

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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. “Good Things”
- III. Approval of Minutes – December (emailed)
- IV. Additional Committee Reports
 - a. Technology Committee Report (Robin Finley)
 - b. Conference Committee (Terri Callaway & Kelli Dockery)
- V. New Business
 - a. ELL & Possible Deportations (Jana Catlett, Bryant ESOL Director)
 - b. Rodney Ford Tribute
- VI. Counselor Spotlight (Kelli Dockery)
- VII. “Launch” & Adjournment



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- VIII. Call to Order/Roll Call – President Kelli Dockery called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm. 18 board members present (no quorum to vote)
- IX. “Good Things”
- X. Approval of Minutes – December (emailed) – not enough members to vote and will postpone until the next meeting (The vote will be for Dec 2024 and Jan 2025 minutes.)
- XI. Additional Committee Reports
 - a. Technology Committee Report (Robin Finley)

Robin has about 14 people left on the listserv who have not responded. The district can allow our Google group or the person can sign up with their personal email. The 10th was the original day to end but Dr. Finley has requested an additional week to work on this. The new listserv address is arsca-listserv@arschoolcounselor.org

b. Conference Committee (Terri Callaway & Kelli Dockery)

Dates for 2027 are the same as Father's Day. Mary Ann stated a group has the next available week on hold and will check to see if they want that date and will inform Terri by Monday. If the later dates are open, many stated yes to move to the later date of June for the conference. Conference Tracker has been paid and will soon be set up to send conference registration, call for presenters, etc.

Kelli shared the "Save The Date" and working on the other information for the conference tracker. Hotel Hot Springs said guests can purchase drinks from the hotel since ArSCA prefers not to host the cash bar at this time. It will be a \$200 charge if it is hosted. A second room is set up for the PD (exercise and wellness/essential oils).

Tahnee works on conference registration information through Conference Tracker.

c. Lobbyist J. Hall sent President Dockery a message about some legislature coming up soon. He will share more later.

d. Our AR COY decided not to attend ASCA. There is \$2000 in budget for COY. The budgeted line item is not going to be used. Eight members of the board have been invited to North Carolina's LDI. Feb. 28-Mar 2. There are no fees. President Dockery would like to send a group to this conference and use this money for that even with the funding being done by Steven's UTI group. The cost for ArSCA will be transportation. President Dockery is sending an email next week for the board to vote.

XII. New Business

a. ELL & Possible Deportations (Jana Catlett, Bryant ESOL Director)

Angela Millard - Ensure we are referring families to the advocacy agencies in our community to not into legal issues. She also met with Greg Adams with AR Children's Hospital to help students with this concern.

Jana Catlett shared how we can assist families. We are not privy to knowing their information. Some students may experience being undocumented and concerned about deportation. We may see attendance decline, less work turned in, behavior concerns, etc.

Lupe Pena de Martinez introduced Lindsay Ledgerwood to the ADE/DESE as the School Counselor Program Coordinator.

b. Rodney Ford Tribute – The plaque has been mailed to him with a card but may not have made it due to the weather. Rodney passed away Thursday, January 9th. His wife Susan

will share service information when it becomes available. It has been suggested to designate one of the days of National School Counselor to Rodney Ford.

- XIII. Counselor Spotlight (Kelli Dockery)
- XIV. “Launch” & Adjournment - Launch shared by Michele Lewis. She asked us to take time for ourselves and jot down something we could write in our journals to celebrate our small wins. The work you do today may be a snowflake that will an avalanche of positive change for a student”. Celebrate the small victories!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm by President Kelli Dockery.

Future Meetings

ArSCA Board Meetings (second Fridays):

TBD March 14, 2025 - 4pm

TBD May 9, 2025 - 4pm

Lunch and mileage will be provided when meeting in person.

If meetings are face to face, there will be a hybrid option for those who cannot attend in person.

ASCA National Conference July 13-15, 2025 Long Beach, CA

ArSCA Conference June 23 - 25, 2025 Hot Springs, AR

Theme: In the Rhythm of the Night

ASCA National Conference July 11-14, 2026 New Orleans, LA

ASCA National Conference July 17-20, 2027 Columbus, OH

ASCA National Conference July 15-18, 2028 Seattle, WA

ASCA National Conference July 14-17, 2029 Charlotte, NC